MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): So far as space in the existing ward is concerned, the member himself will be able to find from the statement that while there are 46 beds in the hospital the average number of in-patients for the first five months of this year is only 32·31. What he says is that there is no dearth of space. As regards the maternity ward, he says that there is no necessity for a maternity ward as there is a separate labour room.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether this matter was brought before the attention of the Government during the last Session of the Popular Assembly ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have to take the information from the member himself. I have not got the report before me.

Explanation of Mr. George Philip.

299. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : With reference to the answer given to question No. 157 *re* expenditure on public works pending sanction asked at the meeting of the Council held in Karkatakam 1104 (Pages 445 to 447 of Vol. XV of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether Mr. George Philip has submitted his explanation ;

(*b*) the nature of the explanation ;

(*c*) what orders, if any, have been passed in the matter ;

(*d*) the amount of the reserve fund that was with the Chief Engineer, out of which the expenditure referred to in that question was met ; and

(*e*) the amount of the reserve fund with the Chief Engineer for 1105 ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The explanations tendered by officers are confidential and cannot be disclosed.

(*c*) The matter is being considered by Government.

(*d*) The amount of reserve with the Chief Engineer in the Budget for 1104 was Rs. 25,000. The expenditure in question was not met from this reserve.

(*e*) Rs. 25,000.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know when Mr. George Philip submitted his explanation ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): In April 1930.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : When was the explanation called for ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Before the last Session of the Council.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I wish to know the date. "Before the last Session of the Council." is a long period.

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to give the exact date now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I have an idea as to what time he took to submit his explanation?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is not possible for me to state that also unless I know the date on which the explanation was called for.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): On a former occasion the Government member told me that the expenditure thus incurred by Mr. Philip would be met from the Reserve Fund that the Chief Engineer had got with him. Now I am given the answer that that expenditure was not met from the Reserve Fund. I wish to know which answer is false?

PRESIDENT: You may put it better than by using expressions like that. There are two ways of saying things.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say positively without knowing definitely the answer that was given last time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, when the answers to my questions were prepared this time, am I to take it that the former answer was not looked into? When I put the question, with reference to the answer given to question No. 157 *re* expenditure on public works pending sanction asked at the meeting of the Council held in Karkatakam 1104 (pp. 445-447 of Vol. XV of the Council Proceedings), "the answer must have been referred to. Does the member say that the answer given on the former occasion was not referred to when the answers now given were prepared.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was referred to, but I have not got it now. The answer is based on the report submitted by the Chief Engineer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I do not hear the member.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is based on the report submitted by the Chief Engineer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So, may I know which answer is correct, if either is correct?

PRESIDENT: Have you got the previous answer with you, Mr. Thanu Pillai?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Yes, I have got it.

PRESIDENT: Please read it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*):

"MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from what allotment this expenditure will be met?

"MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has got a reserve fund with him."

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That was only a suggestion. The answer now given is the correct answer.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, may I know why that answer was given to me? Was the member who gave the answer then aware of the amount of the Reserve Fund with the Chief Engineer?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, he must have been aware of the fund.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, when he gave me the answer that the expenditure unauthorisedly incurred by Mr. George Philip was Rs. 95,000 and odd and when the Reserve Fund was only Rs. 25,000 how was it he gave an answer that the expenditure was proposed to be met from the Reserve Fund?

MR. P. N KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It will be met not solely from that fund but also from other funds.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government members understand the language understood by ordinary men? Sir, I want to make the point clear, because some Government members think that they can give any kind of answer to the questions asked by the non-official members. I am referring pointedly to the question to which the answer given is said to be incorrect.

PRESIDENT: Quite right. The House will understand that members, whether official or non-official, should treat one another always with courtesy and consideration. Not the official members, but all members of this House, have to remember, that they should treat other members always with courtesy and consideration. Mr. Thanu Pillai read out the previous answer, and, as the Government member said, that answer was given as a mere suggestion. The question was, "from what source will the expenditure be met," and it was suggested that the Chief Engineer has a Reserve Fund out of which it might be met not necessarily in one year. Because it was unauthorised expenditure it had to be met from somewhere. As a matter of fact, perhaps some other fund was available and Government sanction was got for meeting it in some other way. The present answer is that, as a matter of fact, it has been met in a particular way. I do not find any reason for the general complaint raised by Mr. Thanu Pillai.

Facilities for elementary education in Tamil in the Trivandrum town.

300. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that facilities for elementary education in Tamil are wanting in the Trivandrum town; and

(*b*) if so, what action they propose to take?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) They are aware that the existing facilities admit of improvement.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

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